

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 28, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi
Chairman
Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

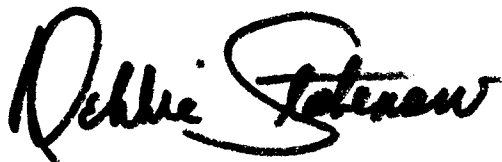
Thank you for allowing representatives from Michigan to present their case at the BRAC regional hearing in St. Louis on June 20, 2005. We ask that in addition to hearing our concerns, the Commission also visit the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base and the 110th Fighter Wing which are slated for closure and realignment.

As the representatives from Battle Creek noted in their testimony before the Commission, the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base is one of the most modern and capable Air National Guard bases in the United States. The 110th Fighter Wing was activated and served with distinction in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Their service record proves their worth as one of the most capable in the Air National Guard.

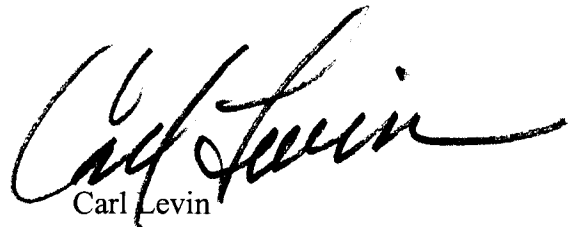
We would ask that you carefully examine the military value, readiness and cost effectiveness of the Pentagon's recommendation to realign the 110th Fighter Wing, and suggest that a visit to Battle Creek this summer would help the Commission gain a full appreciation of the value the base and wing provide to the U.S. military.

We appreciate the difficult task that you face as you review the base realignment and closure recommendations. Thank you again for your attention to Michigan's concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow



Carl Levin